

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY WETLANDS BOARD
MAY 10, 2022
MINUTES

Due to the Northumberland County Emergency Ordinance addressing Continuity of Government during the Coronavirus (Covid-19) Pandemic, the Northumberland County Wetlands Board held an in person and telephonic public hearing on May 10, 2022 in the Sheriff's Office in Heathsville, Virginia at 7:00 PM:

Present

Absent

Harry Towne – Chairman
George Rew – Vice-Chairman
Albert Fisher
Robert Vanlandingham

Lewis Howard

Harry Towne, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

On a motion by George Rew, seconded by Albert Fisher, the minutes of the April 12, 2022 meeting were unanimously approved.

Application No. 22-0871

William Dean – to refurbish 426 linear feet of armor stone sill, to refurbish 837 linear feet of armor stone revetment and refurbish 55 linear feet of armor stone spur along and from the shoreline of the Coan River and 1244 Honest Point Road.

Craig Palubinski, agent for the owner, described the project as refurbishing previously permitted structures. A three-year permit was requested.

Albert Fisher stated that the wetlands grass is thriving there.

After consideration, Robert Vanlandingham made a motion to approve the application as submitted for three years. Albert Fisher seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Application No. 22-0649

Robert LaChance – to install 60 linear feet of armor stone over an existing concrete groin, install two (2) 60-foot replacement timber groins and repair existing riprap revetment as needed along and from the shoreline of the Chesapeake Bay and 115 Leming Avenue.

Joseph Scott, agent for the owner, described the project as repairing and replacing existing structures.

Jeff Madden asked if Joseph Scott anticipated that the repair of the riprap would extend or widen the footprint.

Joseph Scott said it would not.

George Rew said he needs all he can get there.

Jeff Madden asked Joseph Scott if he anticipated disturbing any of the vegetation there.

Joseph Scott said, "No."

A three-year permit was requested.

After consideration, George Rew made a motion to approve the application as submitted for three years. Albert Fisher seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Application No. 22-0653

Wanda Wachter – to replace existing failing timber groins with two (2) armor stone groins each 48' from MHW and install 65 linear feet of armor stone revetment channelward of a failing vinyl bulkhead along and from the shoreline of the Potomac River and 493 and 503 Judith Sound Road.

Joseph Scott, agent for the owner, described the project. He noted the objection to the additional 8 feet at the end of the groins. He said the groins were placed too far apart and hoped that the addition would help. He also said that no nourishment is proposed because the groins are located in an existing groin field.

Albert Fisher asked, "What do you think the 8 feet will do?"

Joseph Scott said that he is not an expert but thought it would do very little to nothing.

George Rew made a motion to approve the application for three years. Albert Fisher seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Application No. 22-0567

MVBB, LLC and Ginger Brooks – to install 204 linear feet of riprap sill and 78 linear feet of breakwater along the shoreline of the Coan River and 1578 Cowart Road.

Otis Cockrell, agent for the owner, described the project.

Robert Vanlandingham noted definite erosion there.

After some discussion, Jeff Madden said that he was unsure of the alignment and suggested that final alignment to be determined in the field.

Albert Fisher requested a revised drawing be submitted showing the toe.

Jeff Madden stated that the request has incorporated a living shoreline into the project.

After further discussion, Robert Vanlandingham made a motion to approve the application for three years with revised drawings showing the toe and a site inspection of the re-staked site. Albert Fisher seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Other Business

Philip Marston presented an extension request from Joshua and Dawn Parrish for a permit (V.M.R.C. # 19-0621) to match the expiration date of the V.M.R.C. permit which is September 5, 2023.

On a motion by George Rew, seconded by Robert Vanlandingham, the Board unanimously approved.

There being no further business to come before the Board, on a motion by Robert Vanlandingham, seconded by George Rew, the meeting was adjourned.

